



# FINANCIAL AID FOR FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTED YOUTH

Do you dream of a college education, but worry about the price tag?  
Make your dream a reality with the help of the

## All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant and Education & Training Voucher (ETV) Grant

You may be eligible if you:

- are or were in foster care,
- were adopted from foster care, or
- were at a state training school.

Go to [www.IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://www.IowaCollegeAid.gov)  
for additional eligibility information.



### Ready to apply??

The Iowa Financial Aid Application allows students to apply for multiple state-administered financial aid programs, including the ETV and Foster Care Grant, with one application.



Go to [www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov](http://www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov) to complete and submit the Iowa Financial Aid Application. Students must complete the application each year to renew their ETV and Foster Care Grant. Funds are awarded on a first come, first served basis. Applicants also must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

# Invest in Your Future!

A college education is one of the best investments you can make for yourself. But did you know going to college does not have to be a 4-year commitment? Some degrees can take as little as a few months to complete. Iowa's community colleges offer a wide range of programs that can take less than a year to complete, such as...

Accounting/ Bookkeeping Specialist  
Auto Collision Technology  
Carpentry Technician  
Computer Applications  
Culinary Arts  
Dental Assistant  
Emergency Medical Tech (EMT)

Landscaping  
Massage Therapy  
Medical Transcriptionist  
Motorcycle Technology  
Practical Nursing  
Surgical Technician

**By 2018, it is projected that 1.1 million jobs in Iowa, or 62 percent, will require postsecondary education or training beyond high school<sup>1</sup>.**



Find college and career information at [www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov](http://www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov).

Meet Sarah, a former foster care youth, ETV & Foster Care Grant recipient, and now a college graduate!



**Education:**

Bachelor of Science in Psychology  
Minor in Sociology  
Iowa State University - Ames, IA, 2012

**Greatest Accomplishments:**

Studying abroad in Finland.  
Graduating from Iowa State University.  
Getting into graduate school.

**Lessons Learned:**

I've learned not to give up on my dreams and to be flexible when it comes to the future.

**Future Plans:**

After I complete my Master's in Social Work, I'm considering applying to clinical psychology doctoral programs overseas and/or possibly living abroad and teaching English as a second language in Eastern Europe.

**How the ETV & Foster Care Grant Helped:**

The ETV & Foster Care Grant have meant the world for me and my college experience. I was able to attend a four-year school, attain good grades, participate in extracurricular activities and study abroad.

[1] Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce. (June 2010). The Midwest Challenge: Matching Jobs with Education in the Post-Recession Economy